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Amendment No. 73 to SB7001

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 7001*

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by adding the following language as a new subsection (e) in designated section 3-6-305 in
Section 26 of the bill:

(e)

(1)

(A) Any person who intends to host an event to which invitations have been extended to a candidate for office, an official in the legislative or executive branch, or immediate family of such candidate or official shall request an advisory opinion from the registry of election finance concerning such event on an application form to be prescribed by the registry at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date on which the event shall commence.

(B) The registry shall establish by rule an application fee that must be paid by the applicant upon filing an application or request for reconsideration. Such fee shall be sufficient to cover costs incurred in the processing of an application.

(C) The registry shall make the application form available on the registry's web site and shall develop and maintain a system for electronic submission of applications and filings.

(D) The registry of election finance shall review an application filed pursuant to subdivision (A) and shall determine if attendance at the event by a candidate, official, or any immediate family of such candidate or official is permissible under applicable law and shall notify the applicant of its decision within five (5) days of the registry's receipt of the

application. If the registry determines that attendance at the event by such potential invitees is not permissible, then the registry shall specify in the notification the reasons for its decision. An applicant may request that the registry reconsider its application. The registry shall notify the applicant of its decision within five (5) days of the registry's receipt of the reconsideration request.

(E) If the registry determines that attendance at the event by a candidate for office, an official in the legislative or executive branch, or immediate family of such candidate or official is permissible, then the registry shall publish an opinion and assign the opinion a unique numerical designation which shall be transmitted to the applicant with the registry's notification of approval. Such numerical designation shall be included in the invitation to any candidate, official, or immediate family invited to the event and shall be posted in a conspicuous manner at the event itself. The registry shall post opinions approving attendance at an event on the registry's web site.

(F) The host of an approved event shall file with the registry a list of all candidates, officials, and immediate family of candidates or officials who attended the approved event within five (5) days of the event. Such list shall be recorded with the related application, request for reconsideration, if any, and advisory opinion and shall also be posted by the registry on the registry's web site.

(2) Any person who hosts an event not approved by the registry pursuant to this section and to which event invitations have been extended to a candidate for office, an official in the legislative or executive branch, or any immediate

family of such candidate or official shall be ineligible to host an event for two (2) years from the date of the commencement of the unapproved event.

(3) For purposes of this subsection (e), to “host an event” means to provide entertainment, food, refreshments, meals, amenities, beverages, health screenings, lodging or admission tickets that are provided in connection with an event.